Unit, Vis breaker Unit, Bitumen Blowing Unit, Sulphur Recovery Unit & Sour Water Stripper have been supplied by EIL and Power Plant by NTPC/BHEL.

(c) Stabilised operations of Panipat Refinery have been established only towards the end of financial year 1999-2000. Hence its performance with other public sector refineries cannot be made at this stage.

Expenditure on the Consumption of Panipat Oil Refinery

†3020. DR. D. MASTAN :

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA : Will the MINISTER of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have estimated the entire expenditure likely to be incurred on the construction of Panipat Oil Refinery;

(b) if so, the details thereof and to what extent this amount is higher than originally estimated construction cost;

(c) whether it is also a fact that production cost of the products of this refinery has been affected due to escalation of this amount; and

(d) if so, what is the impact thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) and (b) The approved cost of Panipat Refinery was Rs. 3868 crore and the anticipated actual cost is Rs. 3775 crore.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Rates of Terminalling Charges

†3021. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH :

Will the MINISTER of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that recommendation for stipulating three kinds of rates in respect of Terminalling charges i.e. expenditure incurred on carrying petroleum products from refinery to Main outlet, has been received;

(b) if so, the details of these rates; and

(c) which oil refineries plants propose to adopt these rates and what are the reasons for fixing these different rates?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The committee constituted by the Government have adopted the groupings of refineries under the following broad categories and recommended for computation of rates based on these groupings :—

(i) Refineries commissioned after 1-4-1998 i.e. the date of introduction of Refinery Gate Prices linked to import parity prices for refineries.

(ii) Refineries commissioned prior to 1-4-1998, which are further sub divided into two groups, namely, refineries where written down value (WDV) is likely to be 70% or more or investment and the other where WDV is likely to be less than 70% of investment.

(c) No rates have been finalised as yet.

Failures in Panipat Oil Refinery

†3022. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether production has come to a standstill many times so far due to obstructions in the Panipat Oil Refinery?

(b) if so, for how many times, the production has come to a standstill in the refinery till March 2000;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have conducted an enquiry into the working of this refinery; and

(d) if so, what is the report of the enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) and (b) Production at Panipat Oil Refinery has witnessed 16 interruptions during the period upto March, 2000 resulting in stoppage of production for more than one day.

(c) No, Sir. However, Government had constituted an Enquiry Committee in investigate into the causes of fire which occurred on 7th May, 1999 at the Hydrocracker unit of the refinery.

(d) Does not arise.

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